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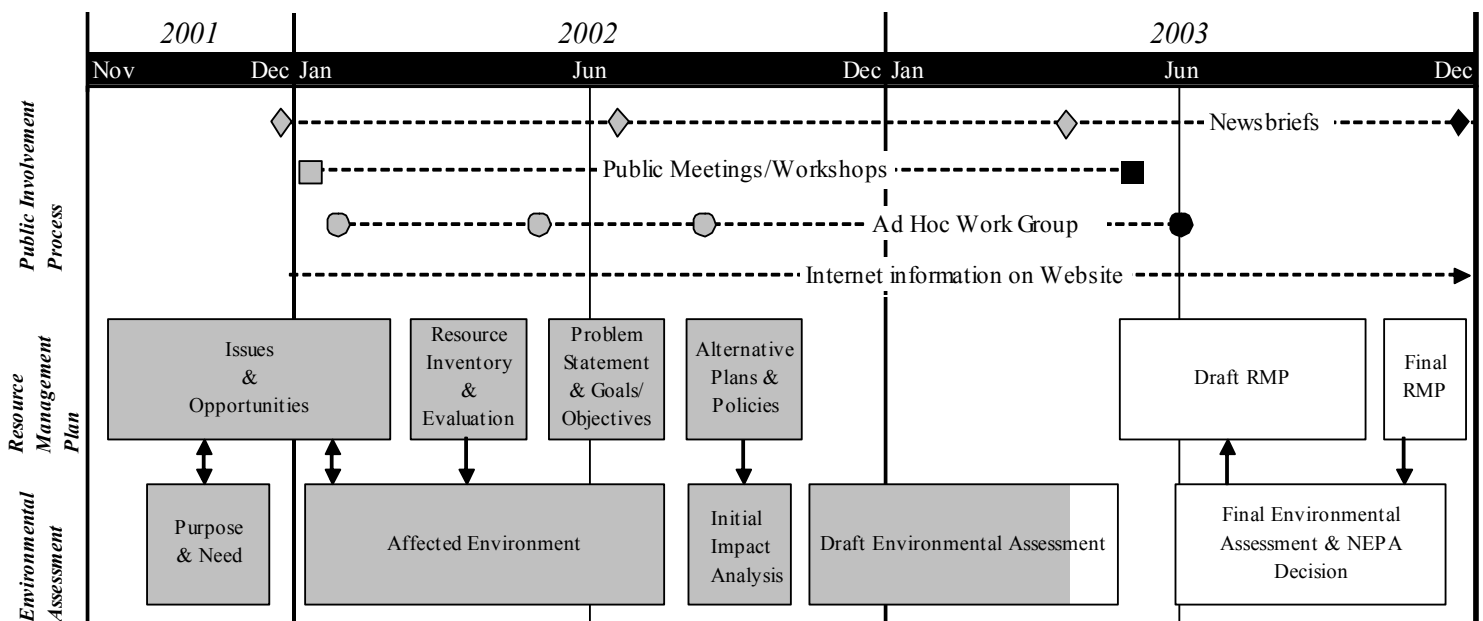
Reclamation Releases Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

Status of the Planning Process

This is the third Newsbrief prepared as part of the Henry Hagg Lake Resource Management Plan (RMP) effort. This issue announces the availability of the Henry Hagg Lake RMP Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) document, scheduled for printing and distribution in May 2003. As explained in this Newsbrief, the Draft EA is being released for a 45-day public review period. To facilitate public involvement in the process, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is hosting a public meeting/workshop in Hillsboro (see the back cover of this Newsbrief for details).

This Newsbrief issue also summarizes the work that has occurred since the last Newsbrief (August 2002), lists and summarizes the RMP Draft Goals and Objectives, and presents the Draft Alternatives developed to date. As noted, this Newsbrief announces the next public meeting/workshop to be held May 22, 2003 in Hillsboro, Oregon. At this meeting, you'll have an opportunity to learn more about the information summarized in this Newsbrief, as well as share your comments on the Draft EA. You may also provide your comments to us by mail (see the return ad-

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dress on the back cover of this Newsbrief) or through the Internet (at www.pn.usbr.gov - follow the links to the Henry Hagg Lake RMP).

Draft EA

The Draft EA, scheduled for printing and distribution in May 2003, is being prepared in accordance with the Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The document's primary purpose is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposed Federal action – in this case, implementing the RMP. In accordance with NEPA, Reclamation has examined a range of alternatives to implement the RMP. Based on public and agency comments received on the contents of the Draft EA (especially comments on the Draft Alternatives presented), Reclamation may revise the document; the Final EA is scheduled for release by the end of the year.

Issues addressed in detail in the Draft EA are built off of the previous planning efforts, including the incorporation of public input into the earlier stages of the effort. To date, the Planning Team has prepared the Final Problem Statement, the Draft Goals & Objectives, and the Draft Alternatives, as presented in the Draft EA and summarized below.

Problem Statement

The Problem Statement, which was summarized in Newsbrief #2, has now been finalized. This document provides Reclamation's

Planning Team with a detailed and thorough understanding of the issues and opportunities that need to be addressed as part of the RMP process. It also provides an important record of all of the concerns expressed by other agencies, the public (including the Ad Hoc Work Group), and the Planning Team.

RMP Draft Goals and Objectives

The RMP Draft Goals and Objectives are intended to communicate the current direction of the RMP in terms of management philosophy, RMP requirements and approach, and potential areas for management action. They reflect the full range of issues and opportunities that must be addressed in the RMP. The Goals and Objectives will be used as criteria by which the acceptability and success of alternative courses of action will be assessed.

Draft Alternative Plans

The RMP Draft Goals and Objectives have served as a framework for the development of Draft Alternative plans for Henry Hagg Lake. The Planning Team has developed two Draft "Action" Alternatives, as well as the "No Action" Alternative. The No Action Alternative is required for analysis in the EA being prepared on the RMP under NEPA. At this point, these are specifically intended as *Draft* Alternatives, meaning that we are soliciting your input to modify, add to or delete from, or otherwise change them, as necessary.

Draft Goals and Objectives

The RMP Goals are listed below according to the following six major topics: Natural Resources; Cultural Resources; Indian Sacred Sites; Indian Trust Assets; Recreation and Access; and Land Use, Management, and Implementation. A brief summary of what the Draft

Objectives cover is also provided according to each of these topics. The RMP Draft Goals and Objectives were derived from: (1) the public involvement process (particularly Ad Hoc Work Group discussions); (2) ongoing coordination with Reclamation de-

cision-makers regarding the scope of the RMP and Reclamation's mission/authority related to RMP preparation and implementation; (3) findings of the RMP resource inventory; and (4) input from specialists on the RMP Planning Team.

In many cases (i.e., where the broad direction of the RMP is clear and not subject to dispute or analysis of alternative approaches), the Draft Objectives are expected to remain in their present form as part of the Final RMP. This is particularly true of most Objectives that are not facility-specific. In some cases, however, the Draft Objectives are truly preliminary and may change as a result of the RMP Alternatives analysis process. In fact, they have (and will continue to) guide the development of the RMP Alternatives.

Natural Resources (NAT)

- **Goal NAT 1:** Protect, conserve, and enhance wildlife habitat and natural resources on Reclamation lands.
- **Goal NAT 2:** Protect and enhance the quality of the fishery at Henry Hagg Lake.
- **Goal NAT 3:** Protect and improve water quality in Henry Hagg Lake and its tributaries.
- **Goal NAT 4:** Control soil erosion in priority areas where erosion causes concern for water quality, safety, and damage to resources and facilities.

In general, the Objectives covering natural resources focus on maintaining and enhancing viable habitat for wildlife at appropriate locations within the study area. The natural resource Objectives also focus on providing protection of and enhancement for wetlands, riparian areas, and rare and protected species, as well as the designated elk meadows. The Objectives recognize the importance of

cooperation with other agencies and organizations in efforts to improve water quality and wildlife habitat by minimizing pollutants, reducing erosion, and controlling noxious weed invasion.

Cultural Resources (CUL)

- **Goal CUL 1:** Seek to protect and preserve cultural resources, including prehistoric and historic-period archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties.

The cultural resource Objectives focus on: (1) protecting cultural resources, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act; (2) increasing awareness of cultural resource protection among resource management partners; and (3) working with local partners to improve interpretation and education opportunities for the public.

Indian Sacred Sites (ISS) and Indian Trust Assets (ITA)

- **Goal ISS 1:** Comply with requirements of Executive Order 13007 (Indian Sacred Sites).
- **Goal ITA 1:** Protect and conserve Indian Trust Assets as specified in applicable Federal mandates.

The Objectives for Indian Sacred Sites and Indian Trust Assets reflect Reclamation's commitment and responsibility to avoid any actions that would adversely affect such resources, as well as the need to provide for access by traditional religious practitioners to sacred sites.

Recreation and Access (REC)

- **Goal REC 1:** Provide adequate sites and facilities for land-based recreational uses while affording the public a quality recreational experience, consistent with natural and cultural resource objectives.

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- **Goal REC 2:** Provide adequate shoreline and water-based facilities to support the demand for boating and other water-based uses consistent with natural and cultural resource objectives.
- **Goal REC 3:** Manage the Henry Hagg Lake water surface to accommodate a variety of uses in a safe manner while minimizing conflicts among users.
- **Goal REC 4:** Provide appropriate vehicular and non-motorized access to recreation sites at Henry Hagg Lake consistent with natural and cultural resources, and safety and security objectives.

The Objectives under the recreation and access-related Goals cover four main categories: (1) improving land-based recreation facilities; (2) improving water-oriented recreation facilities and management; (3) providing appropriate levels of access to recreation sites; and (4) incorporating Federal accessibility standards to new and renovated facilities for persons with disabilities. Most of the Objectives call for coordination with Washington County (WACO) to develop programs to expand and/or develop new land- and water-based facilities to better meet public demand at Henry Hagg Lake, as well as providing adequate enforcement to guarantee public safety. These Objectives deal with strategies to coordinate efforts aimed at improving recreational resources and access at Henry Hagg Lake, while balancing the need to protect natural and cultural resources in the study area.

Land Use, Management, and Implementation (LMI)

- **Goal LMI 1:** Allow for expanded recreation opportunities and other uses while balancing the need for the preservation of natural and cultural resources, and open space and scenic values.
- **Goal LMI 2:** Ensure that reservoir operations are not disturbed as a result of other uses and activities.
- **Goal LMI 3:** Ensure protection of the public, as well as public resource values and facilities.
- **Goal LMI 4:** Provide informational, educational, and interpretive materials to increase public awareness of recreational opportunities, use restrictions, safety concerns, and natural and cultural resource values.
- **Goal LMI 5:** Achieve timely implementation of RMP programs and projects.

The Objectives addressed by the land use, management, and implementation Goals focus on management and enforcement, cooperation with other agencies and organizations, public safety services, dissemination of public information, and RMP implementation. They describe how and with whom Reclamation must coordinate to develop and implement management actions at Henry Hagg Lake, as well as strategies to keep the public informed about opportunities and restrictions (such as restricting public access to dam facilities for security and safety reasons). These Objectives also specifically address the proposed development of the Tualatin Watershed Education & Research Center.

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The following summary of the Draft Alternatives highlights some of the major similarities and differences between them, but does not describe them in detail. Alternative plans are defined by different choices to address future management of the study area. These Draft Alternatives are an important part of the planning process because they allow for a thorough exploration of a range of different options and an analysis of the potential environmental impacts that may result from their implementation.

Analysis of the “No Action” Alternative is required under NEPA. For the purposes of managing this area and analysis in the EA, the No Action Alternative (Alternative A) represents the continuation of existing management practices. Two “Action” Alternatives have been built around the following themes: (1) Alternative B – Minimal Recreation Development with Resource Enhancement; and (2) Alternative C – Moderate Recreation Development with Resource Enhancement. Based on preliminary analysis and planning efforts so far, Reclamation has identified Draft Alternative C as the Preferred Alternative. However, details of the Preferred Alternative will likely change in response to continuing public and agency input during the planning process.

Alternative A – Continuation of Existing Management (No Action Alternative)

Under the No Action Alternative, Reclamation would continue to manage Henry Hagg Lake as detailed under the 1994 Recreation Management Plan, much as it has in the recent past. Reclamation would continue to comply with relevant County, State, and Federal regulations and requirements. Coordination would continue with the following management entities: WACO, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District, the Oregon

Department of Forestry, the Gaston Rural Fire Department, the County Sheriff, Oregon State Police, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. To keep pace with expanding recreation demand, modest facility upgrades would occur at the following recreation sites, as detailed in the 1994 Recreation Management Plan: Recreation Area A West, Scoggins Creek Picnic Area, Recreation Area C (and the Extension), and the Sain Creek Picnic Area. Recreation Area A East would be opened as a campground with 70 overnight campsites, with camping limited to between April 1 and October 31 (also a component of the 1994 Plan). No new development would occur in the existing elk meadows, and no Watershed Education & Research Center would be developed. Reclamation would implement Best Management Practices for any new construction.

Alternative B – Minimal Recreation Development with Resource Enhancement

Alternative B allows for a greater degree of natural resource protection in the study area relative to the No Action Alternative, as well as slightly less improvements or developments at existing recreation sites. More attention would be paid to protecting and restoring riparian and wetland habitats, including the installation of a cofferdam at Tanner Creek to enhance wetland functions. In addition, Reclamation would monitor eagle use on Reclamation lands and waters. For new development at recreation sites and facilities, Recreation Area A East would be re-opened as a day use area with a play structure and group shelter; at Recreation Area A West, Reclamation would construct a new pier as well as other improvements. Similar levels of development would occur at Scoggins Creek Picnic Area and Recreation Area C as pro-

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posed under the No Action Alternative. Unlike the No Action Alternative, however, no additional development would occur at the Recreation Area C Extension, Sain Creek Picnic Area, or Elks Picnic Area. Like the No Action Alternative, no equestrian use of the trail would be permitted, nor would a Watershed Education & Research Center be constructed. Enforcement would increase commensurate with growing levels of public use. Disc golf would be developed in the Sain Creek elk meadows, and a long-term management plan for rehabilitation and management of 140 acres of elk meadows would be developed.

Alternative C – Moderate Recreation Development with Resource Enhancement (Preferred Alternative)

The focus of this alternative allows for a similar level of resource enhancement and protection as Alternative B, while allowing for

more improvements and enhancements at existing recreation facilities. A unique feature of the Preferred Alternative is the planning and construction of the Tualatin Watershed Education & Research Center at the existing elk meadows on the northeast side of the reservoir. The greater level of resource protection under Alternative B would be implemented, as well as a cofferdam installed at Nelson Cove to enhance wetlands as part of the Education & Research Center. Like Alternative A, Recreation Area A East would be opened for camping, but campsite development would occur in two phases; a maximum of 100 campsites would be planned, beginning with tent-only camping as part of Phase 1 and followed by the addition of RV sites and group campsites in Phase 2, as well as a boat dock. By providing overnight camping, additional revenues could be generated from fees collected as well as potential grant monies. These new revenues will be needed to implement development of facilities and increased

Where to find the Draft EA Document

Copies of the Draft EA document are being sent to several places where the public can review them. Locations were chosen for their convenience and public accessibility. If you prefer that a digital or paper copy of the Draft EA document be mailed directly to you, use the Request Order Form on page 7 of this Newsbrief. Copies of the Draft EA are available at the following locations:

Henry Hagg Lake/Scoggins Valley Park
Parks Administration Office
Scoggins Valley Road
Forest Grove, OR

City of Forest Grove Public Library
2114 Pacific Avenue
Forest Grove, OR

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Lower Columbia Area Office
825 NE Multnomah Street, Ste. 1110
Portland, OR

Washington County
Facilities Management
111 SE Washington St.
Hillsboro, OR

City of Hillsboro Main Library
2453 NW 185th Avenue
Hillsboro, OR

Multnomah Central Library
801 SW 10th Avenue
Portland, OR

The Draft EA document will also be available electronically (in PDF format) by Tuesday, May 6th. Please access Reclamation's website at www.pn.usbr.gov and follow the links to the Henry Hagg RMP to access the document electronically. Other RMP-related documents are available on the website as well, including the Problem Statement, Draft Goals & Objectives, and Draft Alternatives Summary.

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development, maintenance, and monitoring of elk meadows. Relative to Alternative A, similar (but slightly expanded in some cases) levels of development would be proposed at Scoggins Creek Picnic Area, Recreation Area C, Sain Creek Picnic Area, and Elks Picnic Area. More extensive development would be proposed at the Recreation Area C Extension, under a two-phase design and implementation process. Also unique to the Preferred Alternative is the development of a

new, independent equestrian trail to be constructed and maintained by equestrian groups. As under Alternative B, disc golf would occur in the Sain Creek meadows, and Reclamation would implement a long-term management plan for rehabilitation and management of 140 acres of elk meadows. It should be noted that the timing and location of any major capital improvement facility implementation in the Preferred Alternative would depend on the dam raise.

Draft EA Request Order Form

Copies of this Newsbrief have been sent to everyone on the RMP mailing list, which currently includes more than 400 addresses. Due to the printing costs of the Draft EA document (which is over 200 pages long, plus appendices), the Draft EA is not being mailed to everybody on the mailing list. Rather, it is being sent to approximately 90 people including agencies, organizations, members of the Ad Hoc Work Group, libraries, the media, and the general public.

Copies of the Draft EA are available for public review at several convenient, publicly accessible locations, as listed on page 6 of this Newsbrief. If you would like either a printed or digital copy of the Draft EA document sent directly to your address, please fill out the information on this Request Order Form.

To obtain a copy of the Draft EA

Fill out this form and mail to:

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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Attn: Carolyn Burpee Stone - PN3902
1150 North Curtis Rd., Suite 100
Boise, ID 83706-1234

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OR

☐ Please send me a digital copy of the Draft EA document
(on CD-ROM, IBM compatible); my address is listed below

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Updated information is also posted on Reclamation's world wide web site on the internet, at:

www.pn.usbr.gov

Public Meeting/ Workshop

After the Draft EA is issued, Reclamation encourages you to comment on its contents, particularly the Draft Alternatives presented. Reclamation will consider all comments on this draft before choosing a proposed plan of action, which will be incorporated into the RMP. To encourage public participation in the review of the Draft EA, Reclamation is holding a public meeting. The meeting will begin with an informative presentation summarizing the contents of the document. After the presentation, an informal workshop will be held to facilitate issue-specific examination of the Draft EA and to encourage one-on-one dialog. Written comments will also be accepted at this time, and Reclamation will provide comment sheets to encourage written comment.

The official public comment period on the Draft EA is 45 days following the release of the document: May 6, 2003 through June 21, 2003. Reclamation invites you to submit written comments at any time during the official public comment period. All written comments received should be postmarked no later than June 21, 2003. Written comments can be submitted to:

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PN Regional Office
Attn: Carolyn Burpee Stone - PN 3902
1150 North Curtis Rd., Suite 100
Boise, ID 83706-1234

The location, date, and time of the public meeting are listed below:

When: Thursday, May 22, 2003
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Where: Washington County Facilities Management Building
169 N First Avenue - 1st Floor Conference Room
Hillsboro, OR

The meeting will be conducted in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please contact Connie Wensman, Regional Office Accessibility Coordinator, at (208) 378-5317 at least one week in advance so arrangements can be made. TTYTDD # 1-800-735-2900.



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